

Proclamation Request Form

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Proclamation Title: Kentucky Library Week
Date(s) of Proclamation: September 28 – October 4, 2008
Date Proclamation is needed: September 26, 2008
Purpose of Proclamation: honor Kentucky's libraries
Has this proclamation been issued in previous years? yes
Please mail the proclamation to me.

WHEREAS, every library - whether public, school, academic, or special – is just as important a part of a community's infrastructure as any road, bridge, public building or utility, and

WHEREAS, libraries are the cornerstones of our democracy, and librarians are the guardians of free access to information and resources; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, and work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, in times of economic instability, Kentuckians turn to – and depend on- their libraries and librarians; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, library use has increased nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend;

NOW THEREFORE I, STEVEN BRESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 31-October 4, 2008, as

LIBRARY WEEK

In Kentucky, and encourage all citizens of this great Commonwealth to visit his or her local library, to take advantage of its resources and services, to thank their librarians and library workers for their dedication to maintaining free and equitable access to these resources and services, and to become aware of the importance of libraries in the quest to make Kentucky's citizens the most literate in the nation.

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